GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the physical, social, economic and ecological dimensions of National Highways Development Project connecting Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Calcutta;

(b) the number of phases in which this project is being implemented;

(c) the details of progress made in the first two phases;

(d) the shares of Public and Private Sector funding; and

(e) the manner in which the process of planning, development and construction of this project is proposed to be expedited so as to solve the problem of congestion on these highways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (B.C.KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) National Highway Development Project (NHDP) is expected to have a highly positive impact on all these spheres.

(b)&(c) The Project has two components - Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) connecting 4 metro cities, Delhi-Mumbai-Chennai-Kolkata-Delhi and North-South & East-West (NS&EW) Corridors connecting Srinagar in Jammu Kashmir with Kanyakumari and Silchar with Saurashtra respectively. A length of 643 Km on GQ and 648 Km on NS&EW has been completed.The scheduled completion for the entire length in GQ and NS&EW is December, 2003 and December, 2007 respectively.

(d) The National Highways Development Project is proposed to be financed as under:

Source	Rupees (In crore as on 1999 price)
Cess on Petrol and Diesel	20,000
External Assistance	20,000
Market Borrowings	10,000
Private Sector Participation	4,000
Total	54,000

(e)The projects are being planned and prepared by reputed consultants, executed by experienced contractors, supervised by specialist consultants, and monitored closely. These steps will expedite the projects.